

fashion

# The Fusion of East and West

Boutique Isabella reopens in the city at Banani



The newly opened Boutique Isabella

By Abdus Saboor

If simplicity and ethnic look are the fashion buzzwords of the 90s, then the words that welcome the third millennium are combination and mingling of east and west.

In Bangladesh the Ready-to-wear fashion industry has come a long way from where we were only a decade ago. Our lifestyle and needs have changed along with the global invasion of culture and its reflection on Bangladesh. The question is raised how far can we compromise with the West to preserve the individuality of our culture. Keeping the issue in mind, the eminent designer of the town Bidisha Siddique Whisson, the owner of Boutique Isabella comes forward with her stylish creations. In a press conference at the eve of the re-opening of Boutique Isabella, she expressed her view that as Bangladesh we can not only keep pace with the western world but also play a role in bringing in creative insertions in the global fashion world.

Bidisha, born in Rajshahi, is a Singapore based designer. She is a graduate from the Singapore Branch of the prestigious Lasselle International School of Fashion. She also completed a diploma course at Japanese school Sugino and traveled to Indonesia to learn batik printing. Bidisha has designed for world famous organizations such as Mark & Spencer's and Nike. She also got the best designer award 1997 in Singapore.

Although Bidisha admits being more comfortable in designing Western outfits, her vast boutique now at Banani caters to a mingling of the East and the West.

To keep up with the fashion needs of the modern women, Boutique Isabella has expanded its premises in a different location. The boutique was re-opened with a brand new collection of both eastern and



Bidisha Whisson

western wear on December 9, 1999 at Moity Shopping Complex, Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani.

The boutique was inaugurated by H.E. Shahata Zareb, the honourable ambassador to Palestine. Former President and Jatiya Party Chairman H. M. Ershad was present at the special guest.

Like the West, innovative styling is seen in Bidisha's de-

signs. Despite the popularity of short-sleeved blouses, kurtas and close-fitting tops, generally outfits are being designed with practicality and comfort in mind. The kurta and kameez are worn straight-cut nowadays, paired with flare shalwars. Trendy young female Dhakaites favour churidars, culottes and palazzo pants. Block prints, brush paints, spray, hand paint and embroidery dominate Bidisha's fashion world.

Boutique Isabella was first set by Bidisha in Dhanmendi to introduce western fashion wear in 1994. This innovative fashion designer did a lot to revive the famous Rajshahi silk, partly for personal reasons that she herself is from Rajshahi and also because the silk is softer and cheaper than other silks.

The new Isabelle offers reasonable price for the trendy Dhakaites. The prices of cotton saari and silk saari range from 800 to 1200 taka and 1500 to 3000 taka respectively. Salwar kameez ranges from 1200 to 3000 taka while the price of skirt and blouse is in between 1000 and 7000 taka. The boutique will also feature tailoring facilities and will receive orders according to its customers' choice.

Bidisha, at the inauguration ceremony said that she is launching her signature collection for the millennium. She invites both her old and new customers to come and visit Boutique Isabella at the new location.

exhibition

# Simple Yet Beautiful

6th solo painting exhibition of Samiran Chowdhury ends successfully on December 10

By Saima Islam

THE serene face with eyes full of love. Mother Teresa looking at a white dove, a dash of blue, white and red working together to bring out the tranquil effect, which never goes unnoticed. It is a painting by Samiran Chowdhury. The



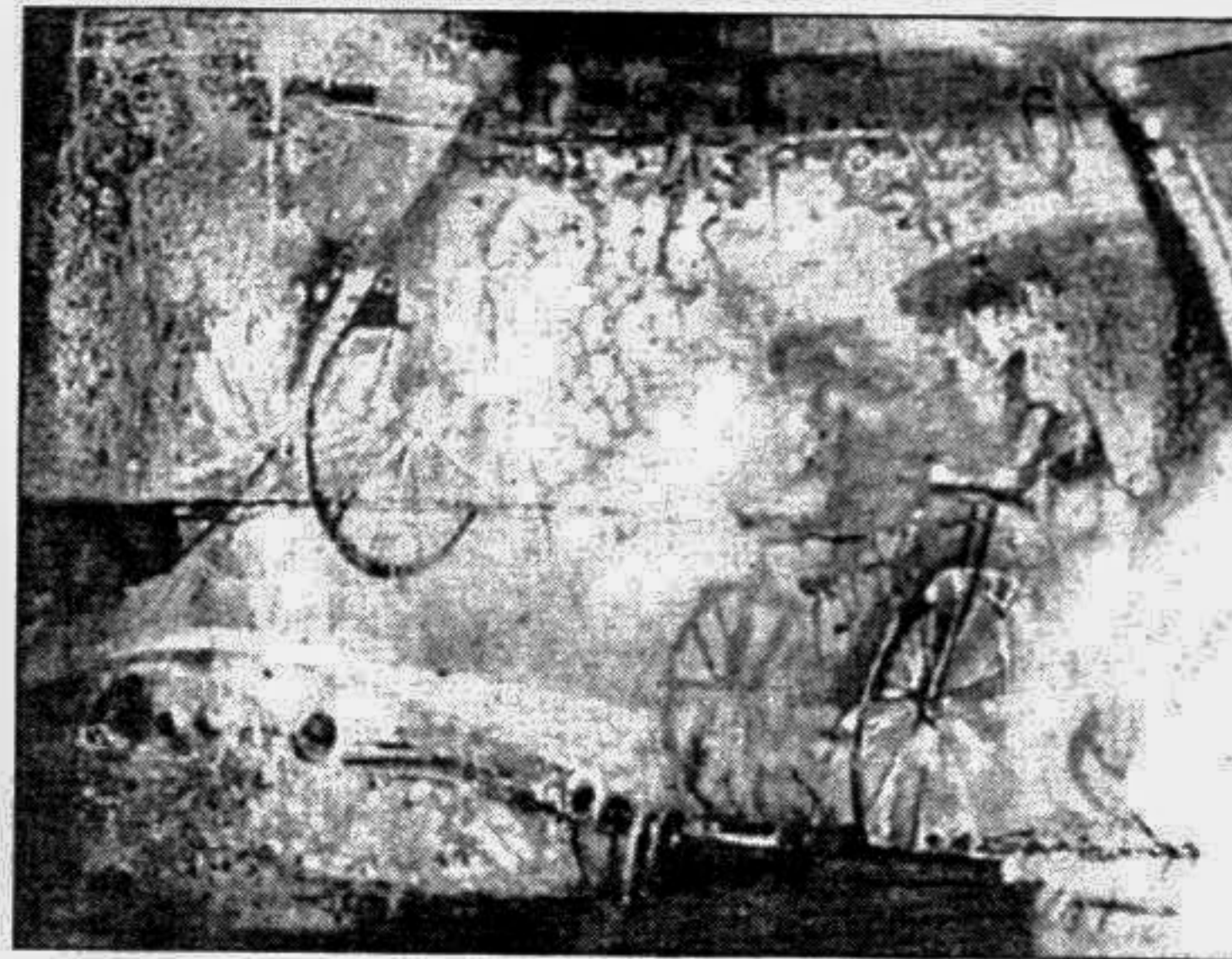
title 'Peace' is just appropriate to describe the painting.

A weeklong painting exhibition of Samiran Chowdhury at Divine Art Gallery at Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel ended on December 10, 1999.

The first look at the paintings gives one the immediate impression of the artist's ad-



Peace-mixed media



Moving Rikshaw - mixed media

ration for beauty and life. All his works are richly colourful and almost flamboyant. In his choice of subjects, Samiran is quite selective. He chooses the subjects that appeal to all sorts of art lovers. He deals with various subjects such as freedom fighter, kites, a mother feeding her child, a lone Rikshaw, beautiful women and many more.

"I want everyone to under-

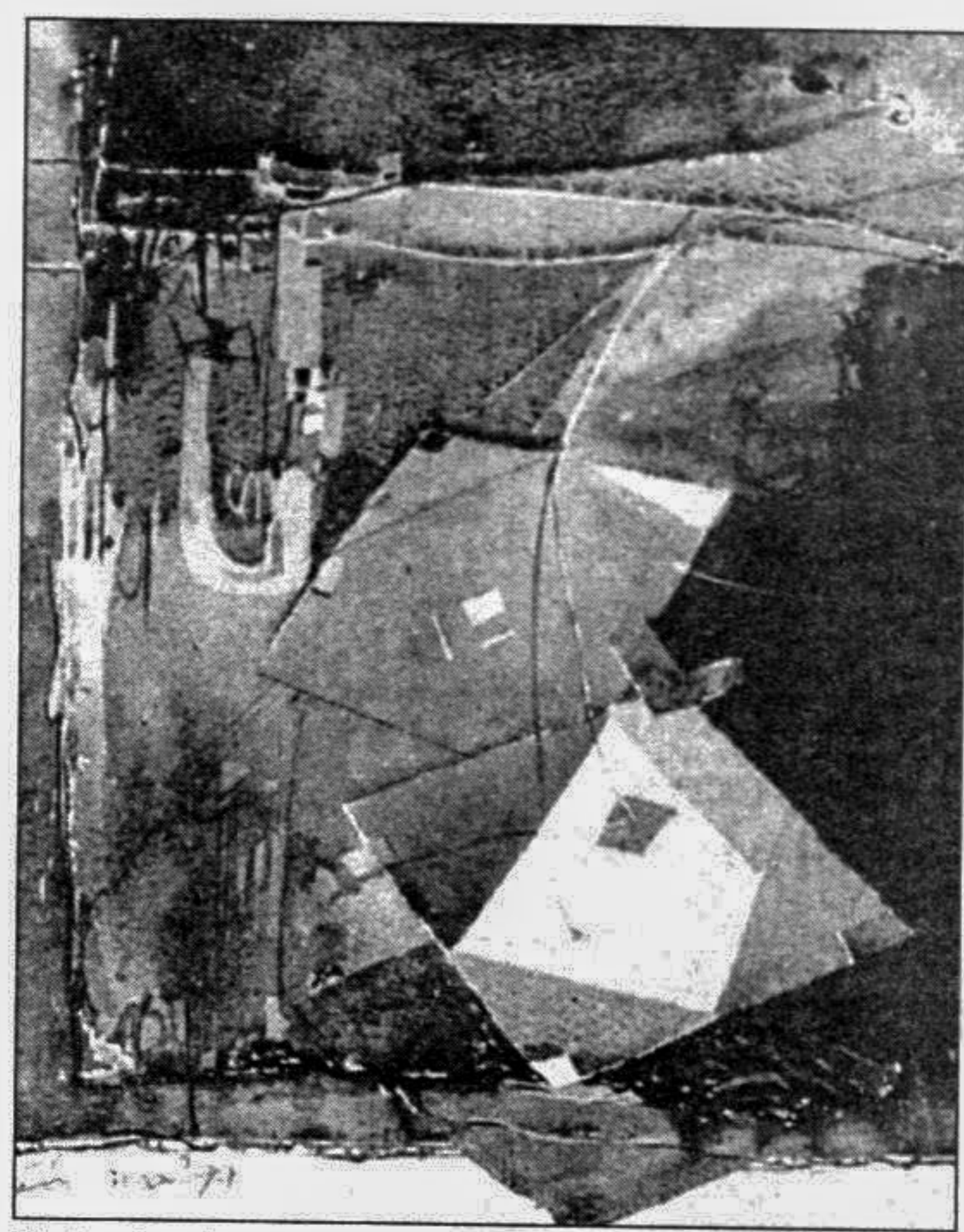
stand my works" said the artist. The comment proves true when one sees his works. His semi-abstract works are not very difficult to understand but still the aesthetic beauty of the works does not cease to gratify.

His creations told simple stories. 'Loving', one of Samiran's works depicts a beautiful woman with a far away look in her eyes and a white dove holding close to her cheek. One could feel the love and compassion that the artist tried to bring out in his work. The theme is very straightforward but still the play with colours, blue and white, beautiful background that Samiran had created was breath taking. The artist had worked superbly to bring out the expression on the woman's face, which had a story of its own to tell, which is at the same time realistic and imaginary.

All of his works are done in water-based mixed media that creates oil like finishing effect. Samiran used Indian hand made paper to work on.

Samiran passed his M.F.A (Drawing and Painting) from the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka at 1987. At present he holds the position of the Principal of Narayanganj Fine Arts Institute. He had participated in many exhibitions over the years. He won the best award in watercolour in the Annual Art Exhibition of the Institute of Fine Art University of Dhaka at 1986.

The Resident Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Yuiji Okazaki was present as the chief guest at the opening ceremony of the exhibition on December 3. In his view Samiran's painting projects the same kind of sensitivity and peaceful effect as the Japanese art. The works of Samiran are surely a combination of colour, simplicity, peace and harmony.



Kite 1- water colour



Loving-mixed media

## TV Guide

Monday 13th December  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

### ALPHA TV

6:00 Moner Moto Gaan  
6:30 Aalap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihar 8:00 Gandharbi 8:30 Antarayee 9:00 Zee Jalsa 9:30 Bangla Movie: Pavitra Paapi 12:00 Moner Moto Gaan 12:30 Chalo Chitra Chhotkar 1:00 Bharat Bhroman 1:30 Griho Saja 2:00 Bahari Ahaar 2:30 Bangla Movie: Jaturgraha (Uttom Kumar) 5:00 Monihar 5:30 Kee Darun Dreshow 6:00 Prem Trishna 6:30 Porom Por 7:00 Swapna Nye 7:30 Kagojer Bou 8:00 News In Bangali 8:30 Jhara Samayer Upakatha 9:00 Shyaola 9:30 Bangla Movie: Shreeshi 12:00 News In Bangali 12:30 Bharat Bhroman 1:00 Grihosaja 1:30 Bangla Movie: Shreeshi 4:00 Swapna Nye 4:30 Kagojer Bou

### BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 Reporters 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today 7:30 World Business Report 7:45 Reporters 8:00 Bbc News / Asia Today 8:30 Bbc News / Asia Today 9:00 Bbc News / Asia Today 9:30 Bbc News / Asia Today 9:45 Reporters 10:00 World Focus 10:30 World Focus: Correspondent 11:00 Bbc World News 11:30 World Living 11:30 Jaffrey's Flavours of India #5/6- Tamil Nadu 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 India Business Reports 1:00 Bbc World News 1:30 HARDtalk 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 World News 3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 Top Gear

5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 World Focus: Correspondent 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living 8:30 Jaffrey's Flavours of India #5/6- Tamil Nadu 9:00 World News 9:30 HARDtalk 10:00 World News 10:30 World Living: Mastermind India (Quiz Presenter- Siddhartha Basu) 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Living: Earth Report- Danube Blues 12:00 The World Today 1:30 Hard Talk 2:00 Bbc News 2:30 World Focus 3:00 People 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Holiday 4:00 World News 4:30 Europe Direct 5:00 BBC World News Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

### CHANNEL [V]

7:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 8:00 Virtual [V] (Back To Back Vids) 8:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 9:00 [V] Style Police 9:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 10:00 [V] Line Lagao 10:30 [V] Hit Machine 1:00 [V] First Day First Show 1:30 [V] Sunday Special 2:30 [V] Sabha 3:00 [V] Hit Machine (Back To Back Vids) 3:30 [V] This Week 4:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Virtual [V] (Back To Back Vids) 5:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 6:00 [V] Lunch Pad 6:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 7:00 [V] Line Lagao 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 V2k Top 100 11:30 Late Night [V] 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

### STAR PLUS

6:30 Nainad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 TVC Sky Shopping 10:00 Good Morning India 12:00 Star Talk 12:30 TVC Sky Shopping 1:00 Film

Based: Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Daily Soap- Sansar 2:00 Gumrah 2:30 Daily Soap: Swabhimani 3:00 Star Bestsellers 4:00 Kuchha Pappad Pukka Pappad 4:30 Power Rangers 5:00 WWF - The Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai 7:00 Film Based: Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Srmati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 8:30 Hindi Serial: Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Hindi Serial: Saans 9:30 Star News 10:00 Main 10:00 Sajid No. 1 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 The Great Escape 12:00 Star News (Eng) 12:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Britvas Empire 1:30 Thief Takers 2:30 Series: Dangerfield 3:30 Series: Tropical Heat 4:30 Media TV 5:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Win-free Show

### STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Or Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Brittas Empire 7:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 8:00 Sorry! 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 Series: Heartbeat 10:00 Series: Murder Call 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Women 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:30 Fashion TV 2:00 Martin Short Show 3:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 3:30 Happy Days 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:05 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Series: That 70's Show 6:30 Series: Every Body Loves Raymond 6:55 Asia News Update 7:00 Series: Dharma And Greg 7:30 Series: Frasier 8:00 Series: Chicago Hope 9:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 9:30 Series: Home Improvement 10:00 Series: That 70's Show 10:30 Series: Dharma And Greg 11:00 Series: Everybody's Loves Remond 11:30 Series: Frasier 12:00 Series:

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### STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: Crying Freeman 9:30 Comedy: Weekend At Bernie's (15) 11:30 Romance: Rob Roy (15) 1:45 Action: The Stargate 3:45 Comedy: V. I. Warshawski (15) 5:30 Action: Crying Freeman (15) 7:30 Adventure: Brenda Starr 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Monday Comedy: Taking Care of Business (12) 12:00 Comedy: True Identity (12) 2:00 Romance: Rob Roy (15) 4:00 Drama: Flight of the Phoenix (12) 6:30 Jennifer Love Hewitt

### PTV

8:00 Tilawat Aur Tarjuma/ Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Abb Pata Challa 9:05 Khat Farmaish 9:20 Sargam Sargam 9:45 Ilaj-Bil-Ghiza Pakistan 10:05 Shab Daigh 10:35 English Film: Good Troop 10:55 Milli Nagma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 The Saint 12:00 Drama Serial 12:55 Quraan-E-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Drama Serial 2:00 Drama Serial 2:50 The Face Of Cultural 3:15 Roushni 3:30 Paimaney 4:00 Ghardari 4:35 Biology For 10th/Geography/Chemistry 5:55 Inter College Quiz 6:25 Aioq Courses 7:00 Tararum (Drama Serial) 7:45 English News 8:00 Potluck 8:20 Ali Baba (Drama Serial) 8:45 Yeh To Hai Hi Hollywood (Top Ten Songs) 9:00 Break For Headline News 9:02 Yeh To Hai Hi Hollywood (Top Ten Songs) 9:50 Pura Chand 10:00

Khabrainama & Commercial News & Pak Business Update 11:15 Classics Drama Serial: Crime Files 12:20 Special: Tha 1:00 Khas Khabrain/Close Down

### ZEE NEWS TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 10:30 PM Every Half Hour - Zee News Hindi 11:00 Campaign Trail/Aap Ki Adalat 11:30 Zee News Hindi 12:30 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 Factfile 1:30 to 6:30 AM Every Half Hour - Zee News Hindi

### MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classic MTV VJ Sarah/Rahul 10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 11:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Houseful V Nafisa 1:30 MTV & Kenwood India Hit Lists VJ Rahul 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:30 Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 Essential 4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection Special- TV MTV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ



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Nadya/Rahul 6:30 MTV Chill Cut VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Ek Do Teen VJ Raageshwari 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:30 Chill Out Non-Stop Hits Continue ...

### MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B&W Gems 8:30 All Time Romantic Hits 9:30 Total Recall 9:45 Brake Fail 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 B&W Gems 12:30 Tee Talk 1:00 Himal Gold T Jharokha 1:30 Nexge 2:00 Pop Re Pop 2:15 Top Notch 2:30 Pop Korn 3:00 Disco Mein Kisco 3:30 Sizzlers 4:00 Tea Time Gaanee 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Music Mag 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fail 6:45 Top Notch 7:00 Pods All Time Romantic Hits 7:30 Mood Mood Ke Dekh 8:00 Hit Parade 8:30 Mix Masala 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Brake Fail 11:45 Shabab 12:15 Pop Re Pop 12:30 Old Tav-

ern Sizzlers 1:00 Best of The Day 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Top Notch 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

### DD 7

10:30 Gane Gane 10:35 Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Sope: Dropadi (Rupa Ganguli, Suneetra, Kushal, Sankar) 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour/ Musical 12:30 Daily Sope: Ek Tan Bahu Gan 1:00 Daily Sope: Asha 1:30 Daily Sope: Rupkatha 2:00 Daily Sope: Kanakanjali 2:30 Daily Sope: 3:00 Daily Sope: Maha Probuha 3:30 Daily Sope: Mohini 3:55 Daily Sope: Bhangagar Khela 4:20 Nepali Programme 5:05 Tarun-der Janney 5:30 News 5:40 Gaan 5:50 Palli Katha 6:10 Serial 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:50 Daily Sope: Janmabhum 7:30 Bangla Sambad 7:55 Dipindan 8:00 Serial: 8:30 Serial: Juti/Banglar Sodesai Gaan 9:00 Daily Sope: Janmabhum 9:30 Daily Sope: Dropadi (Rupa Ganguli, Suneetra, Kushal, Sankar) 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Bengali Movie

### DD-1 (NATIONAL CHANNEL)

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought Of The Day 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 For The Universities 7:00 Ignou Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:40 Subha Sabera 8:30 Business Plus 8:45 The News 8:50 This Morning's Business 9:00 Subha Sabera (Current Affairs) 9:30 Serial: Khatia Meeta 10:00 UGCS 10:30 Serial: Tarang 11:30 Serial: Ardhangini 12:30 Serial: Kamyaab 1:00 Serial: Tulsi 1:30 Serial: Intezar Aur Sahi 1:30 Serial: Deewar 2:30 News In Hindi 2:40 News In En-

glish 2:50 Serial: Roop Suhane 3:00 Serial: Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Serial: Sunhere Pal 4:00 Tea Time Monoranjan 4:30 Choti Asha 5:00 Live Show 5:30 Sargam 6:00 Nai Rahen 6:30 Samachar Diary 6:45 Fashion Today 7:00 Krishni Darshan 7:30 Samachar 8:00 Fifty Fifty 8:30 Bharati (Serial) 9:00 Samachar 9:30 Beta 10:00 Serial: Jai Gang Mahey 10:20 Suraj 11:02 Serial: Sooriya Maharana Pratap 11:32 Serial: Ithhas 12:02 Serial

### SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rishiprasad 8:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka (Daily Sope) 9:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:00 The Poppadum Show 10:30 Bajaj Ki Lehen 11:00 Star Yaar Kalakar (Presenter: Farida Jalal) 12:00 Rang Berangee 12:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 1:00 Indian Holiday 1:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Daily Sope: Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 3:00 Daily Sope: Aurat 3:30 Cine Matini- Film: Jyoti Bane Jwala (Jeetendra) 7:00 Junoon 7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 8:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 8:30 Tenali Rama 9:00 I Love You (Anup Soni, Shruti Ulfia) 9:35 Saaya (Achimay Kaur, Manisha Joshi, R Madhavan) 10:05 Missing (Presenter: Jackie Shroff) 10:40 Movers & Shakers 11:15 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka (Daily Sope) 11:45 Junoon 12:15 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 12:30 Heena 1:00 Family No. 1 1:30 Alpavram 2:00 The Pappadum Show 2:30 Chartbusters 3:00 Daily Sope: Aurat 3:30 Cine Nite Show-Hindi Feature Film: Shama

### ZEE TV

6:00 Yadoon Ki Pal (B/W

Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Zee Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Haske- Hai Zindagi 9:00 Zara Haske- Filmi Chakkari 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:30 Ek Nazar & Guldasta 11:00 Public Demand 11:30 Ananat 12:00 Tejaswini 12:30 Choti Choti Baatein 1:00 TVA 1:30 Naye Nazrane (Film Trailer) 2:00 Daily Sitem- Hum Paanch (Rerun) (Serial: Amita, Rakhi Vijan) 2:30 Sope- Sanskar 3:00 Daily Sope- Raahat (Serial) 3:30 Cinema Hits Hindi Film: Ashiqui (Anita Raj, Farida Jalal) 9:30 Haad Kar Di (Sitcom) 10:00 Janam (Divya Shett, Kartika Rani, Sheeba, Sameer, Rohini Hattangady) 10:30 Nagan 11:00 Daily Sope: Angan Ep-36 11:30 Raahat 12:00 Nirma-Hum Paanch 12:30 Indian Cricket 8:00 Millennium 1:00 Hip Hip Hurray 1:30 Tejaswini (Renuka Sahani)/Naya Zamana 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Zee Arabia: Anhonee (Horror Show) 3:00 Feature Film: Shahi Lootera

### DD METRO

7:00 Stay Fit 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Business Aaj Tak 8:00 Good Morning Today 8:30 The First Edition 9:00 Serial: Ret Pe Likhe Naam 9:30 Current Affairs Prog 10:00 Serial: Nimray 10:30 Serial: Saat Rang Sharat Ki Sang 11:00 Daily Soap: Nayaa 11:30 Daily Soap: Frontpage 12:00 Daily Soap: Kismat 2:30 Daily Soap: Bandhan 2:55 Samacher- News 3:05 Tele Shopping 3:30 Hindi Film Show: 6:00 Flash Gordon 6:30 Humongous Kamyab 7:00 Gool Troops 7:30 Pop Corn Show 7:55 Sun Sun Sun 8:00 Fashion Squier 8:30 Daily Sope- Nayaa (Serial) 9:00 Hindustani

(Serial) 9:30 Jane Bhi Do Yaron (Serial) 10:00 Lebedev Ki Naika (Serial) 10:30 Aaj Tak 10:50 Sorry Sir (Serial) 11:05 Aaghaat 11:30 Towards Millennium 12:00 Series- Crime Busters 1:00 Hindi Films

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 Burning Earth 1:30 Boys Toys 2:30 Discovery Showcase 3:30 Discovery Profiles Series 4:30 Ultrascience 5:00 Medical Detectives 5:30 Beyond 2000 6:00 Splat 6:30 Equinox 7:30 Travelers 8:30 Ushuaia 9:30 Eyewitness 10:00 Eyewitness 10:30 Wild Guide 11:00 Blue Water Dreaming 11:30 In Care of Nature 12:00 Animals in Danger 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Ultrascience 2:00 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Naturequest 7:00 Buck Staghorn's Animal Bites 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Crocodile Hunter 9:30 Boys Toys 10:30 Storm Warning 11:30 Discovery Profiles Series

### CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventures of Jhonny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 8:30 Perils of Panselope 9:00 Josie & Pussycat 9:30 Drink the Little 10:00 Flintstone Kids 10:30 Riche Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 Captainplanet 12:00 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand 1:30 Fantastic Max 2:00 Crocodile 2:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies 3:30 Sky Commanders 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flintstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids 6:30 Crocodile 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Dexters Laboratory 7:45 Whats a Cartoon! Show